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SUBJECT: FORD-SUHARTO MEETING

REF: STATE 64608.

1. PLEASE ADVISE THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED PRESIDENT FORD'S SCHEDULE IN JULY TO SEE IF THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF MEETING PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON THE WEST COAST OR AT THE CANADIAN BORDER.

2. WE WERE UNABLE TO ARRANGE SUCH A MEETING. THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IS ALREADY VERY HEAVY DURING THAT TIME. MOREOVER, THE 5TH OF JULY FALLS RIGHT AFTER INDEPENDENCE DAY AND IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE ANY VISITS TO CITIES OUTSIDE WASHINGTON OVER THAT WEEKEND.

3. THE PRESIDENT HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO WILL STILL BE ABLE TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES ON JULY 5 BETWEEN HIS VISITS TO CANADA AND JAPAN. THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROPOSE TO MEET PRESIDENT SUHARTO EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR, IF PRESIDENT SUHARTO PREFERS, AT CAMP DAVID. THE
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DETAILS OF THE MEETING ARE, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO LATER

DISCUSSION, BUT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOST A MEETING AND A WORKING LUNCH.

4. YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT SENIOR FOREIGN LEADERS HAVE ON OCCASION MET WITH AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AT CAMP DAVID: RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HEATH AND SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV.

5. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, IF PRESIDENT SUHARTO CANNOT COME ON JULY 5, THAT WE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO ARRANGING ANOTHER DATE FOR PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S VISIT LATER. KISSINGER

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